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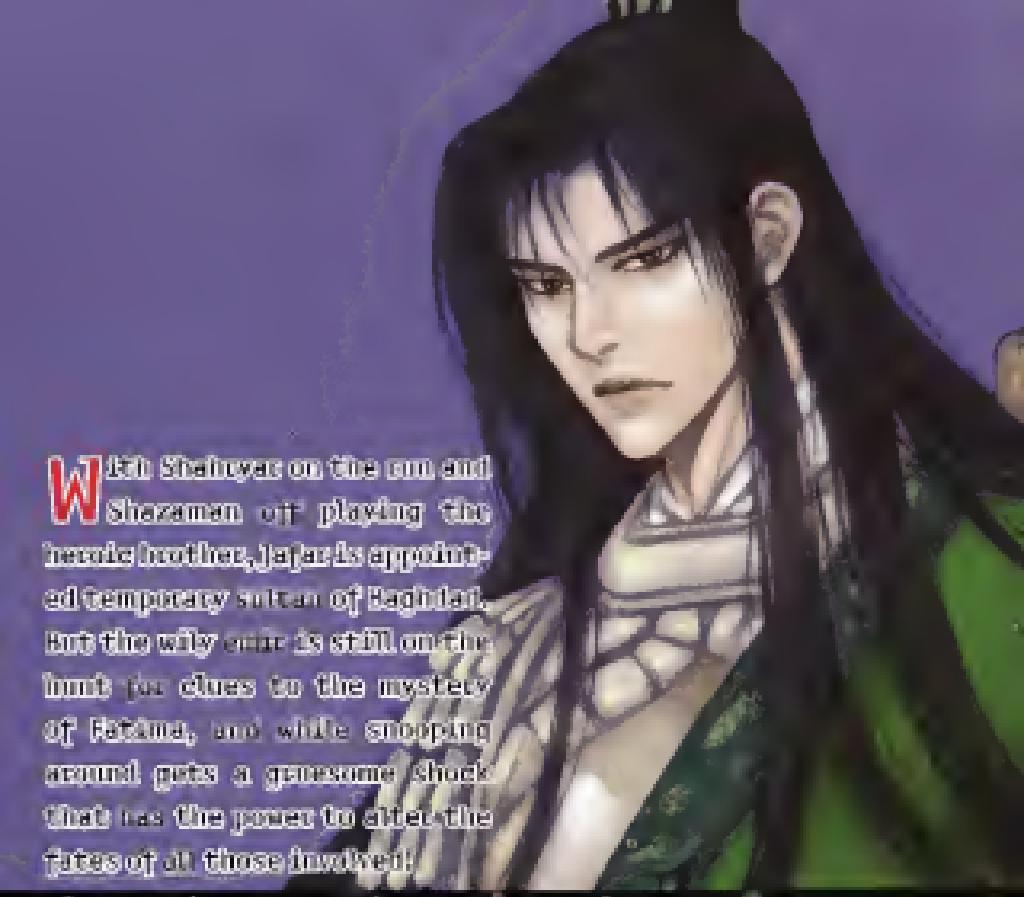
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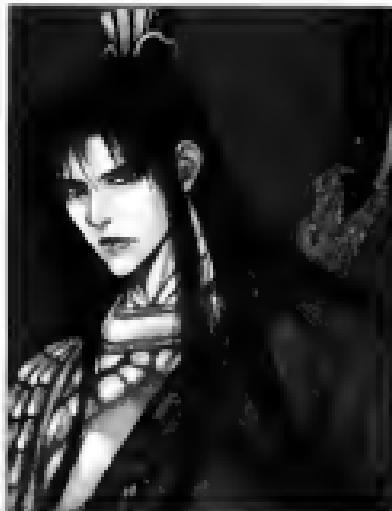
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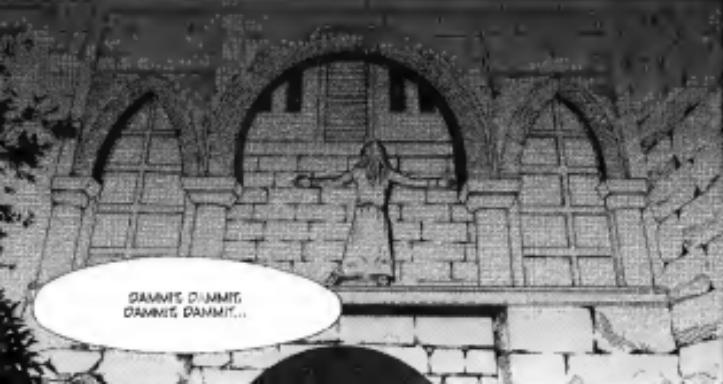
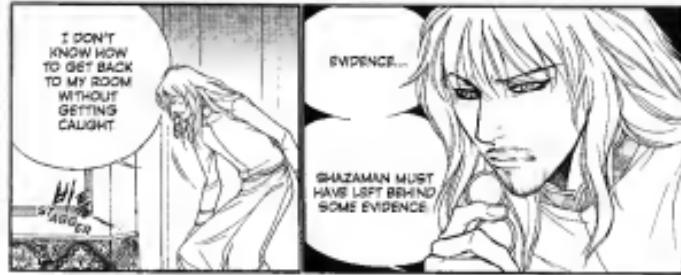
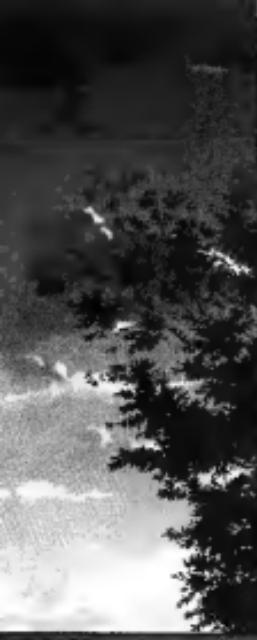
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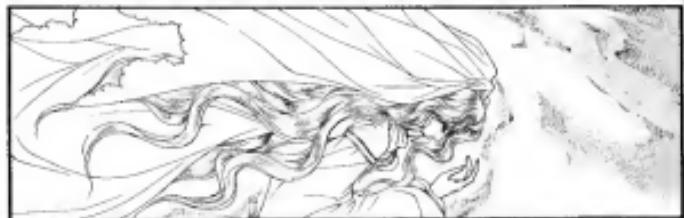
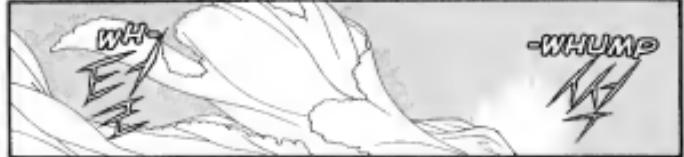






































TAKE THAT
DAGGER.



I APOLOGIZE FOR
NOT BEING AN OLDER
BROTHER IN WHOM YOU
COULD TAKE PRIDE.



I AM NO LONGER THE
SULTAN OF BAGHDAD.



...CAN YOU EVER
FORGIVE ME?

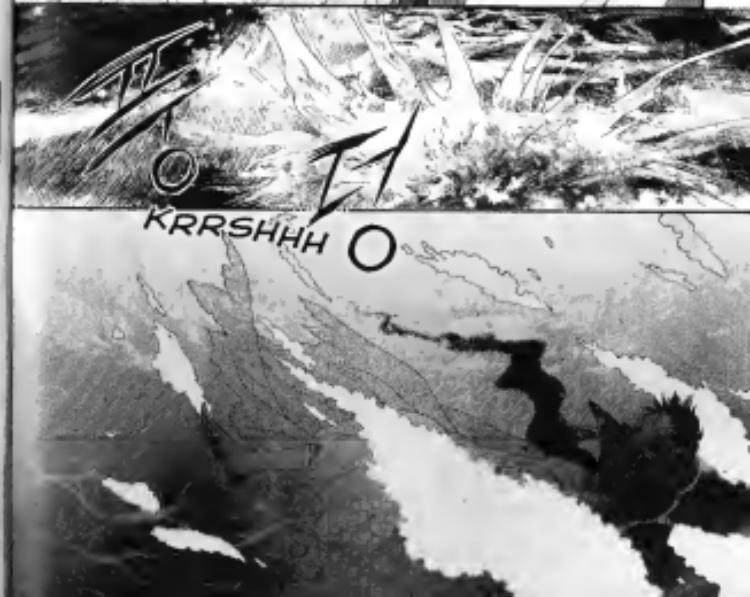
I WILL TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR WHAT HAPPENED
IN THE PAST...



... BUT YOU ARE
THE ONE WHO WILL
LEAD US INTO
THE FUTURE.



STARZ





TRUE SPIKE
LAMECH, SON OF
CAIN, THE FIRST
MURDERER —



TO CAIN,
SHALL BE
AVENGED
REVENGEOLD.



1. TRIAL
LAUNCH SEVENTY
AND SEVENFOLD***



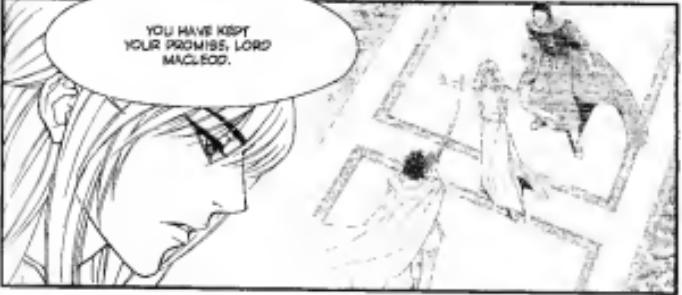
HA-HA-HA-HA



"...BEARADEN
UNTO MY
SPEECH: FOR
I HAVE ISLAIN
A MAN TO MY
WOUNDINGS...

"...AND A
YOUNG MAN
TO MY HUSBAND"







DO YOU MEAN TO
SAY IT IS THE TALE OF
CHINESE KNIGHTS
OF OLD?

YES. IT IS NEWLY WRITTEN,
WITH SIO YOO OF CHOK AS
THE PROTAGONIST.

A STORY OF HEROES...
I TOO AM CURIOUS...

ONCE YOU FINISH
THIS BOOK, WILL YOU
TELL ME THE STORY?

PAUSE
ON
PAUSE

IF I SUCCEED
IN DEFENDING
JERUSALEM FROM
ISLAM...

...I WILL RETURN
TO MY COUNTRY.



...I FEAR YOUR REPUTATION
WILL SUFFER IF YOU ALLOW
A PAGAN SUCH AS I TO
SERVE YOU.

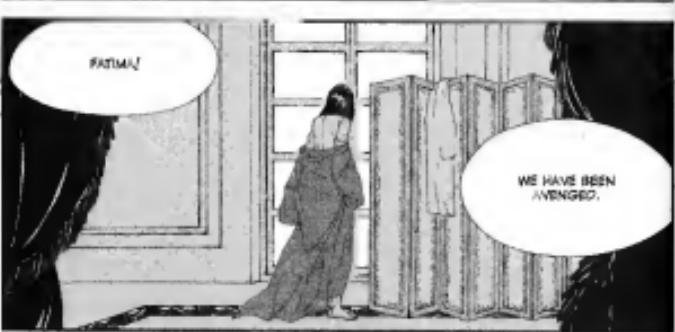








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WHAT DID
YOU DO WITH
FATIMAAA!!



FATIMAAA!







IN THE YEAR 199,
BI YOO FAILED TO
ASSASSINATE JO JO,
AND HE WAS ON
THE RUN.

SEUDOO (NAME)

I CANNOT BELIEVE WE
WERE TRICKED BY JO
JO AND THAT HE HAS
TAKEN PORT HABL
ALONG WITH BI'S
FAMILY.

I AM TOO
ASHAMED TO LOOK
BI IN THE EYE.

SOMEONE
APPROACHES!





IN THE END, THAT BATTLE WAS NEVER DECIDED.

PO YO'S ARMY, WHICH WAS KNOWN TO BE THE BEST, WAS DEFEATED BY MASTER JO'S ARMY.

BUT YOU BEGGED MASTER JO...

...TO SPARE ME.

PO AND I HAD FOUGHT TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME.

YOU'RE PROUD, AND I DIDN'T THINK...

...YOU WOULD BOW DOWN BEFORE MASTER JO...

AS I GAZED UPON PO'S CORPSE...

...THE THOUGHT OF TAKING MY OWN LIFE CROSSED MY MIND.

YOU WERE WORTH THE EFFORT.

AND I AM SURE YOUR MASTER, JO JO, KNOWS THAT THE BEST.





IF YOU BECOME MY
SUBORDINATE...

...I'LL SPARE THE
LIVES OF BI YOO'S
SON AND WIVES.

COWARD...

ARE YOU GOING
TO USE THEM AS
LEVERAGE?

BUT YOU'RE
DIFFERENT...

AM I NOT
RIGHT?

BI YOO
WOULDN'T CARE IF
I THREATENED TO
KILL HIS FAMILY.

FINE...

UNTIL
I DISCOVER THE
FATE OF MY SWORN
BROTHERS...

I WILL
DO AS YOU
WISH.

WHAT IF...
YOUR BROTHERS
ARE DEAD?

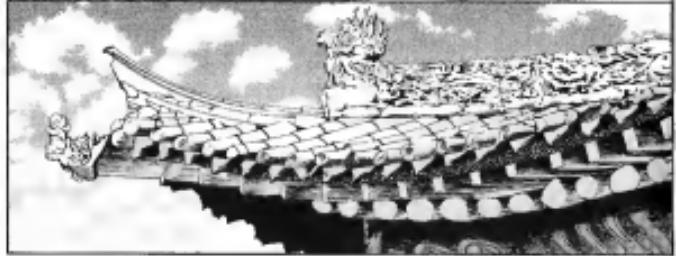
GOOD
DECISION, WOO!



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MEDEON WAS THE CAPITAL CITY OF HU, 150 KM NORTHEAST OF NANCHANG.





HUH...

I CANNOT
BELIEVE WOONG
HWA DEFEATED
KYUN SON...

WHO WILL GO
OUT AND DEFEAT
WOONG HWA?





WOONG HWA
SENDS YOU HIS
REWARDS, ALONG
WITH GENERAL
BAN'S HEAD!

















YOU ARE CLOSE
TO WOO AND
FROM THE SAME
HOMETOWN...

Y-YES, BUT...

IT SEEMS THAT
WOO DOESN'T LIKE
ANY OF THE GIFTS
I'VE SENT HIM.

I HEARD THAT
WHETHER SILKS
OR GOLD...

SNIFF
SNIFF

...HE SIMPLY
INVENTORIED
WHAT I'D SENT
AND DID
NOTHING
WITH IT.

I SENT HIM TEN
BEAUTIFUL WOMEN,
BUT HE WOULDN'T
EVEN LOOK
AT THEM!

LAUGHING
CLOUDS

HEH-HEH...

SO I WANTED
TO ASK YOU...
IF WOO WAS...

N-NO...

I DON'T THINK
HE LIKES MEN...

OH,
REALLY?

GUESS
I READ HIM
WRONG?

HUH?

TWO YEARS
AGO...

...I ACQUIRED YOU
FORMERLY YEO'S
RIGHT-HAND MAN...

...YEO'S FAVORITE
RED HORSE...

...AFTER A LONG
BATTLE AGAINST
PO YEO...



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I FAILED TO ASSASSINATE TAK DONG, BUT SUN CHO ASSASSINATED HIM.

I FAILED TO TAME PO YOO, BUT SUN CHO TAMED HIM.

I SENT HER TO BI YOO AND HIS SWORN BROTHERS.

AS ZO THOUGHT, BI YOO WANTED HER FOR HIMSELF SINCE HE WAS THE HONEST IN RANK OF THE BROTHERS, AND BI JANG WANTED HER BECAUSE BI YOO ALREADY HAD TWO WIVES.



EVEN THOUGH SUN CHO WAS UNABLE TO REDUCE WOO...

...IT LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS SUCCEEDING IN DIVIDING THE SWORN BROTHERS...

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

SUN CHO SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED.

THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT WOO FORCED HER TO LEAVE, IN ORDER TO STOP THE FIGHTING BETWEEN HIS SWORN BROTHERS.

ANOTHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT WOO KILLED SUN...





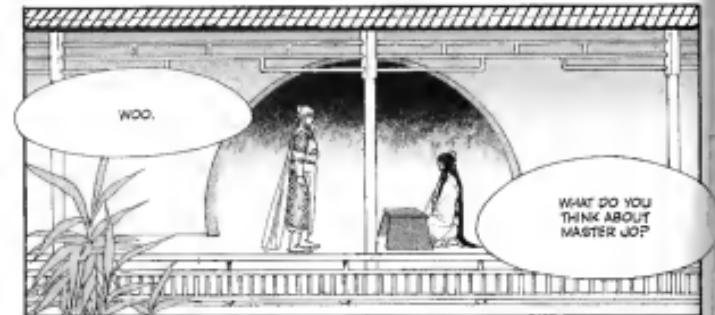








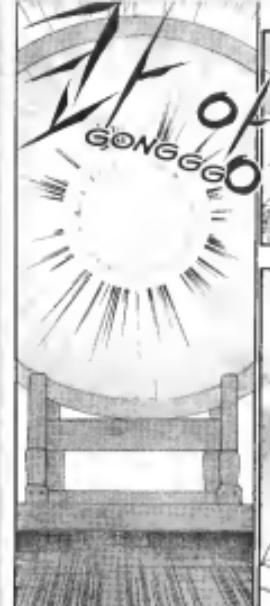














BUT I BETRAYED HIM. SO IF HE'S ASKED SOMEONE TO HELP HIM, IT HAS TO BE SO WON...



YES, IF BI YOO IS STILL ALIVE, IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT HE IS UNDER WON'S PROTECTION.

































NO MATTER
HOW MUCH YOU
EMULATE WOO
KWAN...

JUST
AS I...

...COULD NEVER
TAKE THE PLACE
OF BI YOO...

...YOU
COULD
NEVER
REPLACE
HIM.

TO BE CONTINUED IN ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS, VOLUME IV

Special Commentary from the Writer JinSeok Jeon

ONE MACHO MEN AND BOYS' LOVE

THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS IS THE STORY OF MEN. THAT'S WHY FATHERS RECOMMEND THAT THEIR SONS READ IT, AND NOT MANY WOMEN ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT. DUE TO AN EXTREMELY MACHO STORYLINE THAT COMPLETELY EXCLUDES WOMEN, THE BOOK IS ALSO SOMEWHAT HOMOEROTIC. THAT WAS WHY I WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS, WHICH HAS A VERY MASCULINE VIBE, TO THE FEMALE READERS OF ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME WOMEN DON'T UNDERSTAND MEN WHO ARE CRAZY ABOUT MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM AND COLLECT ITS MODELS. BUT MANY WOMEN WERE INTO GUNDAM, WHICH HAD A VERY FEMININE SENSIBILITY. JUST LIKE WITH GUNDAM, I WANTED NOT ONLY MEN BUT ALSO WOMEN TO TALK ABOUT THE ROMANCE OF THREE KINGDOMS. I WAS ALSO SO HAPPY THAT SO MANY MEN UNEXPECTEDLY SHOWED INTEREST IN THIS CHAPTER. I DREAM OF THE DAY WHEN THERE IS NO BOUNDARY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN...



TWO WOO KWAN, THE MAN WHO BECAME A GOD

WOO KWAN IS REGARDED AS A GOD, NOT ONLY IN CHINA BUT ALSO IN OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. THERE IS A LIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT WOO WAS OF ARAB DESCENT. HIS DARK SKIN AND BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE ARE TWO PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT POINT TO THIS POSSIBILITY. WOO KWAN'S FAMOUS BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE WAS NOT USED IN CHINA AROUND THIS TIME SO MANY PEOPLE ARGUE THAT WOO KWAN DID NOT ACTUALLY USE ONE, ALTHOUGH CRESCENT BLADES CAME TO CHINA FROM PERSIA. IN MICHAEL CRICHTON'S THE TWENTIETH WARRIOR, THERE IS A SCENE PORTRAYING THE MAIN ARAB CHARACTER REFORGING A STRAIGHT WESTERN SWORD INTO A MORE TRADITIONAL CRESCENT-SHAPED PERSIAN BLADE.

SINCE WOO KWAN PERSONALLY DESIGNED HIS BLUE DRAGON CRESCENT BLADE, WOULDN'T WOO KWAN BE OF ARAB DESCENT SINCE HE KNEW HOW GOOD A CRESCENT BLADE WAS, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NEVER BEEN USED IN CHINA? IF THAT IS TRUE, WOO KWAN AND CHO-YONG FROM VOLUME 2 HAVE SOME SIMILARITIES; NAMELY THAT THEY ARE BOTH ARAB AND BECAME GODS AFTER THEY DIED.



THE LOVE TRIANGLE IN SEUNG-HEE HAN'S STUDIO



NABI



YORO



JERRY



